

PRESIDENT: Your time has expired.

SENATOR LANDIS: Let me just close by saying that to use the law as simply a guideline will erode the ability of the public to believe in the law, to treat the law with majesty, and to follow it, and the time of compliance, the rate of compliance will drop if we keep looking to the law to secure ends which the law itself is not capable of bringing about and enforcing.

PRESIDENT: The Chair recognizes Senator Morehead, and then Senator Hoagland.

SENATOR MOREHEAD: Mr. President and members of the body, thank you for your patience on this issue and I am sure that it is going to be tried even more as the day goes on. This is an issue like many others that we can all identify with. We understand it and so do your constituents, as Senator DeCamp has pointed out the political tenuous ground that maybe we all walk upon, but we are called upon to make courageous decisions in here. Some of them we make even though inside ourselves we have a little misgiving but we know when those decisions are right and are wrong. The Patrol people believe that this law is enforceable. They believe that they can use their wise judgment, and when they issue warning tickets and when they do not. Now Senator Landis is talking about...to the patrolman's about to come upon you, and your heart is beating about five times faster than it normally is beating because of the red lights out there, and you are going to reach over and fasten your lap belt or pull that strap down, and I say to you if you haven't been using that shoulder strap, it is probably hooked back there and you probably can't get ahold of your lap belt because it is probably down in the seat someplace because you haven't been using it, and you can't find it, and additionally if you are being stopped for breaking the law, you probably are breaking some other law. You have probably been driving too fast. You have got your shoes off or you have an open container and you are worried about probably a half a dozen other things. So which one are you going to take care of first? Are you going to dump what is in the open container? Are you going to put on your shoes, or are you going to try to find that lap belt? Or are you going to hit the brakes and take it off cruise control and hope it slows down quickly enough that maybe he will say, oh, gee, my radar was off, hmmh? So there are going to be